# Around the Base of the Black Mountains

# (Nick Kaye Special No. 6)

## Date: 2nd May 1987

## Distance/Ascent: 50.2 miles, 6134 feet

## Leader: Nick Kaye

## Route Description:

* Start from Crickhowell car park at (SO 2188 1840).
* Across river to Llangattock and onto canal at (SO 207 178).
* Canal tow path north then west past Glanusk Park to Coed-yr-ynys. Road north to Bwlch to track at (SO 148 221).
* Track northwards along Cefn Moel to track junction at (SO 159 250).
* West then north on track and path via Cwm-Shenkin to minor road at north end of Mynydd Llangorse.
* Continued north on track round west side of Mynydd Troed to Pengenfordd.
* Tracks and roads northwards via Dinas Farm, Rhyd-y-bont, Rhos Fawr, Blaenau-Isaf, Cwm-bach and Caemarchog to Cae-ceiliog. Road to north end of Hay Bluff.
* Track south-east via Probert’s Farm and Killhorse Farm to Little Black Hill picnic site.
* Field paths via Blackhill Farm to road at Beili-bach.
* Minor road southwards to track junction at (SO 304 289) by Ty-canol
* Track south via Drain Farm, Penywyrlod and Upper Clydd to join Offa’s Dyke path at (SO 324 227). Down path to road at (SO 324 225).
* Road west to Pont-Rhys-Powell and inn. Roads southwards past Pantygelli and Triley Court to Abergavenny. Through Abergavenny to Usk Bridge and Llanfoist to join canal tow path at (SO 285 130).
* North-westwards along canal tow path past Gilwern to Llangattock at Pont Llangattock at (SO 202 528). Return through Llangattock across River Usk to finish at Crickhowell.

## Weather: Cool all day and breezy with quite a cold wind at times. Bright sunny periods with one heavy shower at mid-afternoon

## Participants: Nick Kaye, Andrew Clabon, Peter Lewis, Chris Creswick

## Notes: Chris acted as pacemaker all day ensuring there was no slacking and leading to a 12¼ hour finishing time. The event is to be remembered for two things: the meeting of Anneka Rice’s Treasure Hunt Helicopter at Little Black Hill Picnic site and a very heavy chest cold had by me as during the day felt weak at times (especially approaching Hay Bluff).